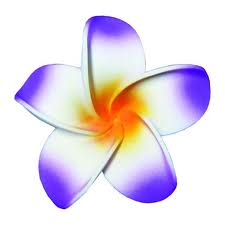
Lesona 4: Fa'amolemole – Please

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**TEACHER’S NOTES**

* **Tangi:** **Cultural knowledge** 
  + In order to develop an appropriate Samoan cultural learning environment there are basic Samoan cultural values that are helpful to be aware of.
  + Such as…it is considered extremely rude or impolite to talk when someone else is speaking; so when one person is talking, everyone else should listen attentively and quietly.
  + One should always say ‘excuse me’ or **tūlou** when passing someone else, irrespective of whether they are standing or seated and finally…
  + When talking to someone, it is polite to sit down or at least squat down so that you are in a relatively lower position than the other person.
    - However, in the classroom or when making a presentation, the speaker can be standing while the rest are seated.
    - **Implications for teaching:** When teaching a Samoan student (particularly if they have recently arrived from Samoa) help build a rapport in the classroom, by lowering your height, or sitting/crouching down beside the student when viewing their work or demonstrating how to answer a question etc.



* **Sharleen:** Which brings us to our new Samoan word for the day.
  + Fa'amolemole – Please
  + Say after me – Fa’a – (with the glottal stop)
  + Say after me – molemole
  + Now together, say after me – Fa’amolemole
* **Leigh:** In Samoan society, people **always** say ‘please’ or *fa'amolemole* when they request something.
  + Even when asking a question, students will always say please!



* **Jacque:** Teachers also observe this cultural value, for example…If I was introducing myself to a class and asking a student their name, it would sound something like this.
  + **Tālofa Lava**. **'O lo'u igoa o Whāea Jacque**. **'O ai lou suafa fa'amolemole?**
  + Hello. My name is Whāea Jacque. What is your name please?